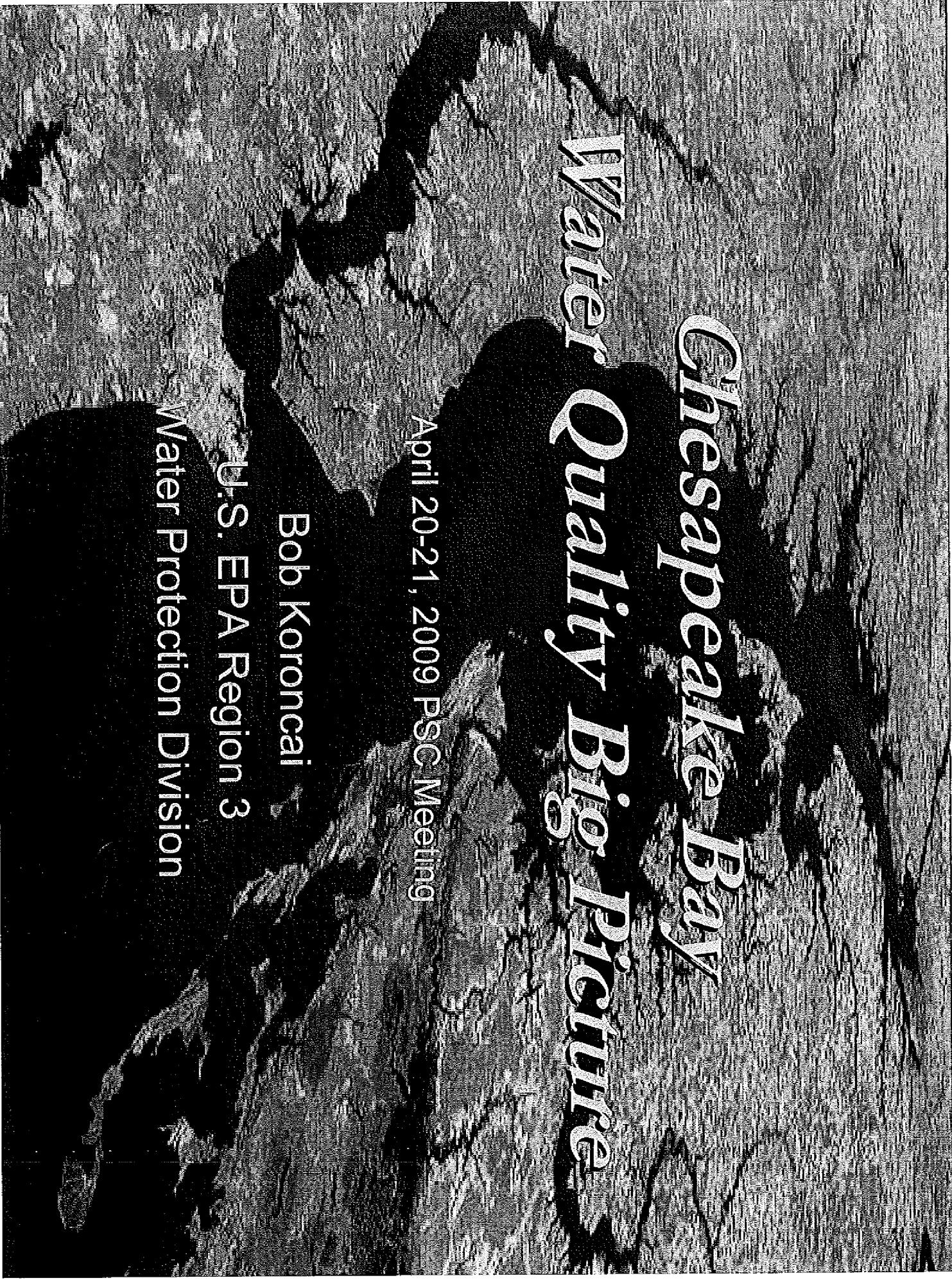


APPENDIX 17



Chesapeake Bay Water Quality Big Picture

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EPA's Draft Bay TMDL Framework

- States' existing Chesapeake Bay water quality standards (WQS) should not be relaxed based on feasibility
- Bay TMDLs must contain the load allocations and the waste load allocations necessary to achieve the States' existing Chesapeake Bay WQS
- State Implementation Plans will be written to achieve the loadings assigned in the Bay TMDLs
 - Staged implementation is a possible option
- Wastewater discharge load requirements will continue to be set at the discretion of states
- An affordability assessment will be completed